JAK AND DAXTER: THE PRECURSOR LEGACY(title tbc)

> E3 May, 2001 – Sony Computer Entertainment Europe is delighted to announce the forthcoming release of Jak and Daxter: The Precursor Legacy on PlayStation®2. Developed by Naughty Dog, the team behind the phenomenally successful Crash Bandicoot series Jak and Daxter: The Precursor Legacy – the most eagerly awaited software title of the year – promises to take action-adventure gaming to a whole new level.

Set in a vast and beautiful land, Jak and Daxter: The Precursor Legacy concerns the exploits of Jak, and his idiosyncratic sidekick, Daxter, who's transformed into a weasel-like rodent after falling into a huge vat of dark sludge. The two of you set off together in search of a sage, Gol Acheron, who is reputed to understand the naturally occurring energy forces of Eco that control the land and may be able to help Daxter regain human form. Things are never quite that simple, however and you soon find yourself mixed up in a plot that threatens to destroy the land as you know it: for the evil Gol and his sister Maya are hell-bent on kidnapping the four other sages of the land in an attempt to ultimately unleash the power of Dark Eco on the world.

> Jak and Daxter: The Precursor Legacy boasts astonishing technical specifications and previously unheard-of graphical performance. Gamers are able to freely explore the whole, vast world - climb a mountain and you'll see the long stretch of coastline, as well as all the villages and other locations spread out before you. Climb back down and you can explore the entire gaming world stumbling upon the differing vegetation, creatures and ever changing weather conditions in a single – albeit lengthy – journey.

The quality doesn't stop there. Every character is lip-synched in a way usually only seen in movies, with the main character comprising of more than 3,000 polygons (compared to 500 for Crash Bandicoot). Everything is independently rendered and all creatures and environmental elements in the land are calculated in real time.

Jak and Daxter: The Precursor Legacy has truly exceptional gameplay, combining a variety of elements from many different genres, including exploration, platform, adventure, action, strategy and even racing, into one enormous epic fantasy. As you wander the land, pursuing your adventure, you'll find hosts of mini-tasks for your entertainment and amusement, including fishing and racing games – some of which can even help you in your quest. DO YOU HAVE TO COMPLETE THESE TO PROGRESS?

With an involving storyline that unfolds as you progress, unique and superb gameplay mechanics, technological innovations, a truly beautiful environment, a cast of brilliant characters and a humorous script, Jak and Daxter: The Precursor Legacy is an immersive and magical gaming universe.

Set to appeal both to hardcore fans and casual gamers alike, Jak and Daxter: The Precursor Legacy is destined to become the action/adventure game of the year. A vast, enthralling title that will lead the pack in second-generation software and represent the future of interactive entertainment…

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Developer: Naughty Dog/SCEA **Genre**: Action adventure **No. of Players:** 1
Platform: PlayStation 2 **Peripherals**: Analog Controller (DUALSHOCK 2), Memory Card (8MB) (for PlayStation 2) **Release Date:** Winter 2001